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Dear Hugh:

I have been through the book thoroughly. There remain no traces of libel except with respect to LBJ. As to him, there would be a close question as to proof of malice; but, on balance, it would be my guess that it could not be proved; this, of course, is far from certain, because, as to him, you are sailing close to the line.

The following comments refer to specific pages in the manuscript.

Page 3 - "professional diplomat"; this refers to Allen Dulles and, I believe, is inaccurate. He could be better described as the former head of CIA.

Page 10, middle - "On the morning of January 4," should read "the next morning." There may be confusion about dates here and Hughes affair.

Page 11 - "Weisberg", note Wiseberg.

Page 17 - Lattimer - urologist, not surgeon. Department Head, not head of medical school.

Page 23 - bottom - I do not think that LBJ proposed a committee of all Texans, but I may be wrong. I do know that he discouraged the investigation by the A.G. of Texas and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Page 24 - bottom - "palm of hand" - Too small an area.

Page 24 - bottom - Find picture - Believe it would be identified as possible friend of LHO, not LHO.

Page 50 - Bottom - Consul, not council

Page 67 - "They know he would not turn his weapon on them." (?) Should this be: "He knew they would not turn his weapon on them."(?)

Page 78 - Wouldn't it be a good idea to start a new Chapter after "let us examine the record of our man for his capacity to kill." Weave in full chapter of material from Haley, Sherrill, et al.

Page 79 - The Statement that "$50,000 fee for Saul would, to our man, have been merely a drop in the bucket" is particularly libelous. Why not change it to "the friends of our man."

Page 84 - Your fear about accessories after the fact is purely theoretical. You may wish to leave it in for other reasons, but it has no substance. The real danger is that you will get your head blown off. [By the way, have both you and Jim "put your affairs in order"? If not, you should. Next time we meet, we can discuss.]

It is my view that the Appendices should be woven into the body of the book. They won't be read as Appendices.

I am most anxious to see what prospective publishers think of the manuscript. It is my completely untutored guess that they will demand more trimmings and in particular the very dangerous but fascinating story (at least in part) of how you tracked down Saul. The book can be also padded with chapters on (1) history of Saul's picture and its significance; (2) the satellite murders; (3) LBJ's capacity to kill in some detail. We shall have to wait and see.

I am air-mailing my only copy of a book you may find of interest, in light of your comment on the stock market of phenomanon on Nov. 22. It is Were We Controlled by Lincoln Lawrence, a pen name. A friend knows the identity of Lawrence ("well known news man and commentator") but is literally sworn to silence. The book is worth reading, but I do need it back.

That's the bundle for now.

As ever, warm regards,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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P.S. Have you thought more of a foreword or introduction by an illustrious friend?